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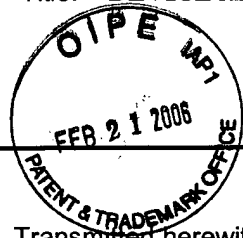
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In Re Application Of: **Hironobu Takizawa, et al.**

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Title: **DEVICE AND METHOD FOR RETRIEVING MEDICAL CAPSULE**



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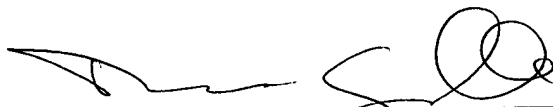
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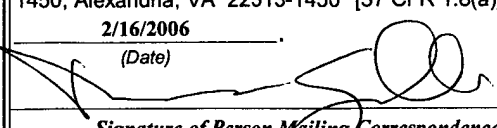
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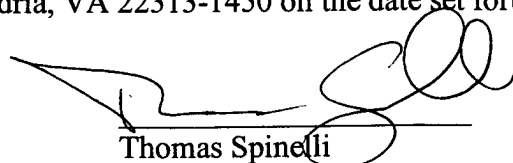
Sir:

Pursuant to the election requirement imposed in the Official Action dated January 19, 2006, Applicants elect the claims of Species III, i.e., Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12, 29 and 31 for continued prosecution herein.

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Claims 1-43 are present in the above-captioned application and have been subjected to a species election under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Specifically, the Official Action avers that the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention are present in the claims:

Species I, characterized by Figures 1, 3A, 4A-D;

Species II, characterized by Figure 3B;

Species III, characterized by Figures 5-7;

Species IV, characterized by Figures 8-9;

Species V, characterized by Figures 10-11;

Species VI, characterized by Figures 12A-12C;

Species VII, characterized by Figures 13-14;

Species VIII, characterized by Figure 15;

Species IX, characterized by Figure 16; and

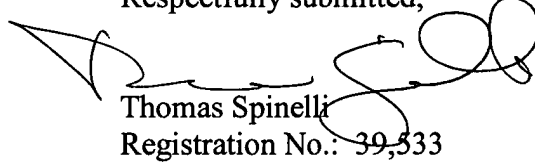
Species X, characterized by Figure 22.

It is the Examiner's position that the species listed as Species I-X are patentably distinct from each other.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for species election, Applicants elect to prosecute the subject matter of Species III, Figures 5-7, readable on claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12, 29 and 31. However, Applicants reserve the right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter in this application.

In view of the foregoing, an examination on the merits of the elected claims, at an early date, is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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